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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 3116

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SUBJ: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

REF: LISBON 3044

SUMMARY: CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OPENED ON JUNE 2 WITH PERFUNCTORY SESSION. PRESIDENT REMINDED DELEGATES OF POLITICAL FACTS OF LIFE. VIOLENCE OUTSIDE CAXIAS PRISON EARLY MORNING JUNE 3 HAS LEFT FOUR MRPP SUPPORTERS WOUNDED. INCIDENT PRECEDED BY UNEVENTFUL MRPP PROTEST RALLY IN DOWNTOWN LISBON. ISOLATED VIOLENCE ELSEWHERE IN CITY IN PAST FEW DAYS INDICATIVE OF TENSIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OPENS: CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OPENED ON SCHEDULE JUNE 2. HIGHLIGHT OF ESSENTIALLY CEREMONIAL  
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OCCASSION WAS SPEECH BY PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES. PRESIDENT

POINTEDLY REMINDED DELEGATES OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS WELL AS LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY PACT BETWEEN PARTIES AND ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM). HE NOTED DESIRE FOR REVOLUTION TO ADVANCE TOWARD A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY BASED UPON A SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ELECTORAL AND REVOLUTIONARY WAYS. HE CONCLUDED BY CALLING UPON DELEGATES TO PUT ASIDE PARTISAN POLITICAL INTERESTS IN PREPARING CONSTITUTION BROAD ENOUGH IN SCOPE NOT TO LIMIT "REVOLUTIONARY PROGRESSIVISM OF PEOPLE AND ITS ARMED FORCES."

2. MRPP CLASHES WITH MILITARY: FOUR SUPPORTERS OF RE-ORGANIZING MOVEMENT OF PROLETARIAT PARTY (MRPP) WERE WOUNDED IN INCIDENT OUTSIDE CAXIAS PRISON DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS JUNE 3. TENSIONS HAD BEEN GROWING BETWEEN CAXIAS GARRISON AND MRPP MILITANTS MAINTAINING VIGIL HERE SINCE MRPP WOUNDUP MAY 28 (SEE LISBON 3044). EVENING JUNE 2 SOME 2,000 MRPP SUPPORTERS, INCLUDING SOME UNIFORMED MILITARY MEN (NINE SOLDIERS AND TWO MARINES OBSERVED IN FRONT RANKS) GATHERED IN DOWNTOWN LISBON TO PROTEST CONTINUED DETENTION OF PARTY LEADERS.

3. MORE VIOLENCE: DISPLAY WINDOW OF VARIG AIRLINES IN DOWNTOWN LISBON WAS BLOWN OUT BY A GRENADE REPORTEDLY THROWN FROM SPEEDING CAR IN EARLY MORNING HOURS JUNE 3. INCIDENT FOLLOWS JUNE 1 DESTRUCTION OF PARKED CAR ACROSS TOWN BY EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, PRESUMABLY PLANTED BY PORTUGUESE LIBERATION ARMY (ELP). NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN EITHER INCIDENT.

4. COMMENT: ASIDE FROM COSTA GOMES REMARKS, OPENING OF ASSEMBLY WAS PERFUNCTORY PRESIDENT REITERATED POLITICAL FACTS OF LIFE OF WHICH DELEGATES ALREADY WELL AWARE. INTERNAL DYNAMICS OF ASSEMBLY WILL NOT BE APPARENT UNTIL AFTER ACTUAL WORK BEGINS JUNE 3.

5. AFM DISCLAIMERS NOTWITHSTANDING, MRPP IS CONVINCED AFM INTENDS TO DESTROY PARTY. CONTINUED MRPP EFFORTS TO RECRUIT AMONG ARMED FORCES AND RECENT MRPP PUBLIC ATTACKS UPON COPCON AS FASCIST POLITICAL POLICE ARE LIKELY TO ENSURE THAT AFM WILL DO JUST THAT. MORE INCIDENTS ARE LIKELY.  
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6. VARIG AND CAR INCIDENTS ARE, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, UNRELATED. SUCH ACTS ARE, HOWEVER, INDICATIVE OF TENSIONS WHICH LIE BELOW SURFACE. EMBASSY IS TAKING NORMAL PRECAUTIONS.  
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